

**GLACIER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, June 15, 2009**

The Board of Glacier County Commissioners met at a regular meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 15, 2009. Commissioners Ron Rides At The Door and Tony Sitzmann were present. Commissioner Michael DesRosier is out of the country on vacation. Clerk and Recorder, Glenda Hall was present to record the proceedings.

Present throughout the day: Pat Greany, Northern Montana Insurance; John E. Salois, President, Blackfeet Community College; Ron Blomquist, Facilities Director, Blackfeet Community College; Carol McDivitt, GC Health Nurse.

8:30 a.m. Payroll Clerk, Diane Proefrock explained an error that occurred with the MACo Health Care Trust that allowed medical claims to be paid on George Hall and Holly Peters after they were no longer employed by GC. The mix up was the simple matter of the paperwork catching up to itself. MACo Health Care Trust agreed to terminate both employees coverage based on the phone call and the promise that GC process a warrant to repay the funds that were paid out. The total of the claim is \$1,122.87 (\$97.89 ó George Hall from 2918-420180-140 and \$1,024.98 ó Holly Peters from 2300-420160-140). Commissioner Tony Sitzmann makes a motion to add and pay the MACo Health Care Trust claim form to reimburse them for medical claims they paid on behalf of terminated employees. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door seconded, motion carried.

9:00 a.m. Approval ó Northern Montana Insurance Renewal ó Pat Greany

Mr. Pat Greany presented the annual MACo JPIA/JPA insurance contract for renewal in the amount of \$222,924.00. There is a \$2,000.00 deductible per claim, mostly due to the high volume of claims from Law Enforcement, EMS and the Road Department. The deductible is based on the total pool. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann asked what was all covered by this policy. There are some buy back endorsements that they offer that, such as a floodplain endorsement. The ethical violation coverage is the endorsement that might be worthwhile to the county. The policy we are looking at right now is just the property liability. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann made the motion to approve the policy renewal, effective July 1, 2009. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door seconded the motion, carried.

Further discussion was held, on the buy back endorsements and having Larry Epstein, GC Attorney find out more about them and report back to the commission. Workerø Compensation was brought up and the fact that the county mod factor went down, again for the second year in a row. In 2009 the mod factor was .99 and for 2010 it is .85. The DES Coordinator, Charles Farmer is working with the department supervisors to implement safety trainings and possibly a defensive driving course for the emergency personnel. The focus will be safety awareness.

9:30 a.m. Approval ó Delinquent Tax Payments

Commissioner Tony Sitzmann presented a list from Treasurer, Kate Salois on the taxpayers that have approved arrangements made with the commission to make payments on their delinquent taxes. There are a number of them that are not honoring their end of the agreement. Clerk & Recorder, Glenda Hall added that these individual accounts create a liability for the county because the Treasurer has to create a special account and can not deduct funds from the accounts until there is enough money to pay an entire tax year, so I would also like to get away from this practice, especially, if they are not paying. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann made a motion to stop this practice from this day forward. All agreements made prior to this date will be honored, unless they are not current. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door seconded the motion, carried.

10:00 a.m. Discussion ó Blackfeet Community College Petition

The Blackfeet Community College President, John Salois and Dean of Institutional Development, Ron Blomquist came before the commission to discuss the issue with the abandonment of öKö Street. When they originally requested to abandon öKö Street they were acting off of the advice of their engineer. The property that makes up the street came from the Richard L. Faught Tract and they agree now that they should have petitioned the commission to vacate the plat rather than abandon the street. They are protesting the decision to abandon the street and are requesting the commission rescind that decision so they can petition to vacate the plat. They have case law that supports their request. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door inquired if they have sat down with the adjacent property owner, Sue Wagner proprietor of the Glacier Restaurant and tried to work something out. President Salois replied that in the beginning she did not want anything out of it, now she wants her 30 ft. of the street. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann suggested that we put this matter on the Browning agenda (6/23/09), invite Ms. Wagner and see if this can work itself out. Prior to leaving on vacation out-of-country Commissioner Michael DesRosier suggested that we rescind the previous motion to abandon this street and start over on the issue. Larry Epstein, GC Attorney will check on the process to do this.

11:00 a.m. Discussion ó GC Board of Health

Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door presented an agreement that he received from the Department of Public Health and Human Services to provide sanitarian inspection services for a minimal fee. GC Sanitarian, Ron Anderson recommended that they not sign it because these are the same services that he and Bob Racine do 100% of the inspections.

11:30 a.m. Approval ó Breast & Cervical Resolution

Commissioner Tony Sitzmann made a motion to approve Resolution #2009-07 (amendments; A, B, and C) for the Breast and Cervical fund #2968 for unanticipated revenues totaling \$3,690.00. Seconded by Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door, motion carried.

1:30 p.m. Approval ó Sweetgrass Development Board Appointments

Commissioner Tony Sitzmann made a motion to appoint himself to the Sweetgrass Development Board of Directors as the commission representative. Seconded by Commissioner Ron Rides At

The Door, motion carried. Commission Tony Sitzmann added that he will sit on their Strategy Committee with Mark Hauser as business owners.

2:00 p.m. Approval of Copy Machine of Parkview Sr. Center

The Treasurer's office transferred an old copy machine to the Parkview Sr. Center. The annual service maintenance agreement expires June 26, 2009. Carol Guith, Sr. Center Director refuses to pay for the annual maintenance agreement, so the recourse is to retrieve the copy machine. Clerk & Recorder, Glenda Hall will schedule for Davis Business Machines to pick up the copy machine from the Sr. Center and bring it to the Satellite office in Browning. Then the Treasurer and the Clerk & Recorder's offices will split the annual service maintenance agreement of \$320.00. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door has told Mrs. Guith on three separate occasions that her computer will be networked in to the copy machine in the Clerk & Recorder's office. Discussion was held that Mrs. Guith just doesn't understand technology enough to know that she doesn't need the commission to buy her a brand new copy machine.

3:30 p.m. Approval of WIC Report 5/09

Commissioner Tony Sitzmann made a motion to accept the May 2009 WIC report submitted by Michelle Harrell with 149 clients for the month. Seconded by Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door, motion carried.

There being no further business for the day, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. with a motion by Commissioner Tony Sitzmann and a second by Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door. The motion passed by Board vote.

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Michael J. DesRosier, Chairman

ATTEST:

Glenda M. Hall, Clerk and Recorder